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While the Department used the above data as the basis for requesting additional investigation in this matter, I felt that the data as furnished by MM-639-S, a well informed and reliable informant, appearing in the Details of referenced report, sufficiently disproved the exaggerated statements given by subject to the press as to the strength and activities of his organization, and that this data would have been sufficient for the Department to render a prosecutive opinion. As I have stated previously, investigation has shown that subject is prone to exaggerate, distorts the truth, is a liar, braggart, among other things. I have previously interviewed subject concerning his activities, at which time he was arrogant and evasive, as reflected in my report dated April 24, 1961. It was my opinion that to seek the subject out once again and interview him concerning his activities would be repetitious and therefore result in a waste of investigative effort. This opinion I set forth in the administrative pages of referenced report. (u)

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While the Bureau has pointed out certain points which should have been covered prior to closing this case, I respectfully point out that the information furnished by MM-639-S in my opinion made coverage of these points unnecessary.

I regret that the Bureau feels I should have taken a different approach and broadened the investigative activity in this matter. In accordance with Bureau request, I shall take the necessary steps to comply with instructions as set forth in Bureau letter dated August 25, 1961, and a report fully covering the activities of subject will be submitted by September 25, 1961.

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